



Living Hope Zambia

footsteps towards a better future...

Newsletter, May 2026

Good morning Australia! The Queen of Africa (aka: Mary!) is travelling next week and so, so looking forward to seeing you all.

Please pray for smooth and safe travel for her. And reach out and invite her (and David 😊) for a good catch up. She has ten-thousand stories to tell of God's grace, goodness and unfailing faithfulness.



After two loong years of patient waiting, last month two shipping containers landed! Shipping and shipper changes, route changes, and massive cost spikes and dips made us wonder if we would have to suspend our container and distribution ministry permanently.

But some fancy footwork, lots of diligent admin, many phone calls and emails, possibly a few grey hairs, and organising the shipping completely back-to-front (yup, from Zambia & Namibia instead of from Aus), got us back on the ocean.

We've opened and sorted one container worth of items already, with a team of sponsored kids as eager and willing helping hands. Next up, volunteer training in the various suburbs we plan to distribute to.

God is so good.



Drilling a borehole at our new farm land in Ngosa in December opens the door for even greater development and future sustainability. A substantial portion of maize grown means the developed

Fipuya Farm won't need to buy mealy meal for nshima all year. And 300 coffee seedlings planted out will produce substantial harvests in a few years time.

The bore completely blew out its budget, coming in at almost 3x the quotation. Two collapsed shafts and a final one that had to be reinforced 60m deep with steel means that we still owe money on this one. If anyone would like to help us cover this?



300 Coffee trees from the nursery being unloaded



The wall fence around the Transit Home, Distributions Shed and Office property is really taking shape, with 3 out of 4 boundaries now fenced. This is one of those, 'so built we the wall, and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof, for the people had a mind to work' sort of projects. Each time we get a bit of funding in, we lay a few more blocks.

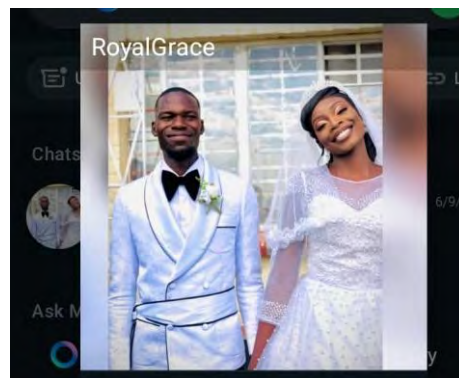
We still have a few more blocks to buy, cement, sand and stone. If anyone could chip in to help us complete this we'd be very, very grateful.



Education and family sponsorship has always been one of our greatest joys and biggest ministry areas. It is an absolute privilege to watch children from the most vulnerable of families grow from infancy to maturity and graduate into the workforce with an educated future, as we are seeing over and over again through our sponsorship program.

In the last year we have celebrated with 3 former students as they have married, and had the honour of speaking God's richest blessings into their lives.

All of our sponsored kids have recently written to their sponsors and now that our major printer breakdown has been sorted out, photos can be printed and we'll get those sent out.



(** Update since drafting this, all the letters and photos are securely in Mary's suitcase ready to be brought over with her!)

As time and circumstances change periodically we lose sponsors and need new ones. Would you consider sponsoring a child for their future?

Chrispin is king-connoisseur of sausage, chips and salad in Kasompe. He was sponsored for school, and is now providing for his entire family, including putting two younger siblings through school!

With an ever-growing farm, farmer training program, and all of our other areas of ministry, the need to relieve responsibility on some of our senior staff sparked sending six staff members to get their drivers' licences (only three people involved in LH's day-to-day operations had licences!!)

Felix had this to say after he passed his licence in March:

"I just wanted to say, thank you so much for picking me ...for the sponsorship of having a driver's licence, for you keep on increasing the hope of our future by everything you help us. I understand it's not an easy thing. Our own families fail to cover up when we cry for help. It's my heart felt to express my gratitude to everything you do and the entire organisation and I pray that may the good Lord enrich you in all you do and may He keep you as you are doing a good work that most of the people benefit from. May He bless you and increase you in all you do."

The Fipuya Training Farm continues to grow and expand dynamically, and the local market continues to grow and absorb everything we can



produce, continually demanding more and more vegetables. In the last three months we have seen four staff move on, each to new jobs, on the back of their work experience, training and



Town market sales can be likened to a rolling maul at the 5mtr line!

ethics. It's a bitter-sweet time seeing them go, but exactly why we employ and train them in the first place and we pray God's richest blessings over them as they go.

We are especially PROUD of Mr Peter who has been employed as the farm manager of a new start-up venture nearby within Chingola. Within three weeks of taking on his new job he had 6-7 varieties of vegetables in the ground and others already in the nursery. Now that's what we call taking farming seriously!

As in any ministry there are always day to day 'normal' expenses – wages, meals, rates, fuel, vehicle maintenance, insurance, printing, internet etc. incurred regularly. Would anyone like to partner with us on a monthly basis to help off-set those costs a bit and help keep vital areas of our ministry functioning to their fullest?

And, with the substantial growth at the Fipuya Farm and the development of Ngosa it's time to start looking at purchasing a new truck! One just isn't enough any more. We're about to launch a fundraiser to raise the money needed to purchase it, so please look out for that very, very soon!

Donations can be made through the following options:

David Ross Chapman

BSB: 014557

Account: 590494679

(Not tax deductible as it is a personal account)

Hands and Feet Inc

BSB: 802759

Account: 100 000 467

(Tax deductible)

Please reference: LHZ and the purpose of the funds so that all funds are allocated correctly.

Or through our website: livinghopezambia.com.au and follow the links.